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**To:** Examiner Cindy Nguyen

**From:** Jim Banowsky

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**Interview Request and Agenda Attached**

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Ms. Cindy Nguyen  
Examiner  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Re: Application No: 09/608,395  
Interview Request and Agenda

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

I would like to schedule a telephone interview for Monday, March 8, 2004 at 2 p.m. EST to discuss a certain issue in the latest office action (dated 2/2/04).

The issue that I would like to discuss involves your statement on page 2 of the office action under "Response to Arguments" where you write, "The column-by-column aggregation of Dalal is clearly only partially done when one of a plurality of columns is aggregated."

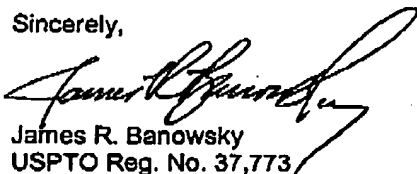
It is my contention that you are referring to multiple aggregations and that "when one of a plurality of columns is aggregated" a **complete aggregation has occurred on that one column**. (A partial pre-aggregation would have stopped short of this complete aggregation.) A subsequent column is then aggregated to completion. The reference even refers to this process as a "multiple-level aggregation." It is otherwise known in the art as a "group-by with rollup" operation.

In a partial aggregation, a column on which the partial aggregation is run is not completely aggregated, i.e. there can be multiple grouping column values remaining (that are later consolidated in a complete aggregation). This is not the case in the examples shown in Dalal.

I will call you at the time and date stated above unless you let me know that the time is not convenient for you. If that is the case, please call me at 509-324-9256, ext. 216 and leave a voice mail message or email me at jim@leehayes.com.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,



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